

# Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission Policy Discussion

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# Report Recommendations



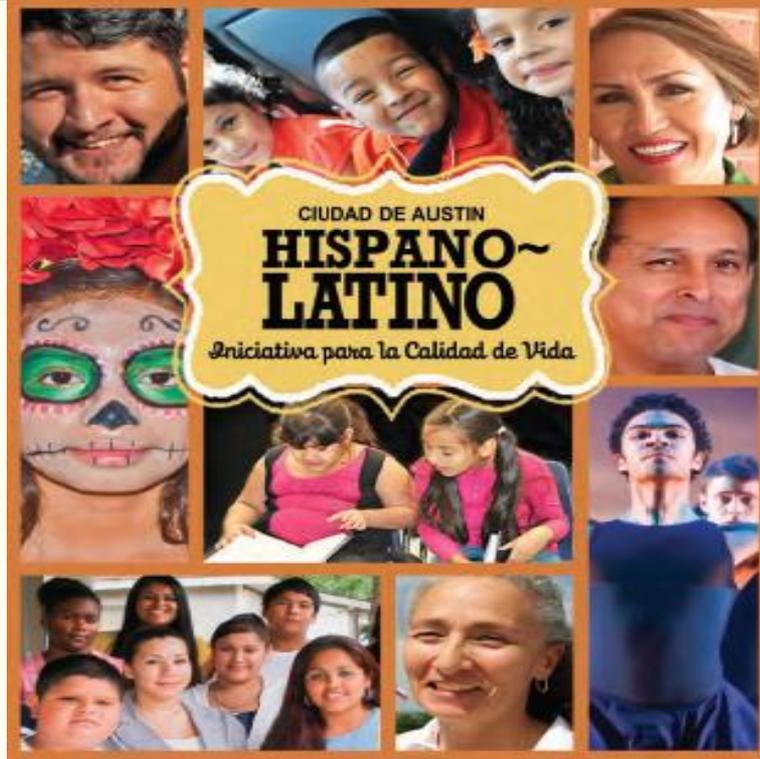
## BACKGROUND

- 2008 – HLQL initiative started
- 2010 – Oversight Team appointed
- 2013 – HLQL initiative report released
- 2013/2014 – HLQL Resource Advisory Commission appointed

## 2013 QL Report – Focus Areas

- Cultural Arts
- Education
- Youth Services
- Housing and Community Development
- Economic Development
- Health
- Civic Engagement
- Transportation

**70 recs/Initiatives**



# FY2015 Commission Budget Recommendation



## BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

- Using QL Task Force Report as the base line for initial recommendations.
- Updating information where needed and incorporating new initiatives.
- Hearing public testimony and meeting with stakeholder groups.
- Recommending budget screened by City of Austin staff for costs estimates, duplication, and feasibility

QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVES	TOTAL REQUEST	PERCENT OF TOTAL
EDUCATION	\$935,687	13.0%
YOUTH SERVICES	\$1,060,389	14.7%
CULTURAL ARTS	\$1,598,055	22.2%
HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$500,000	6.9%
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$525,000	7.3%
HEALTH	\$2,125,000	29.5%
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT	\$457,005	6.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,201,136</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

# FY2015 Commission Policy Recommendation



- Housing & Community Dev.- Ensure surplus property is made available to non-profits
- Tax Relief through property tax exemptions – Design of policy should reflect two goals: (1) to protect homeowner from unaffordable property tax bills and (2) allow local govt to raise adequate revenue
- ESB-MACC – Consider sustainability through additional financing mechanisms and stand-alone enterprise fund status
- Medical School, Teaching Hospital, and Brackenridge Hospital re-purpose – Ensure that these “anchor” institutions adopt the mission of improving the well being of their surrounding community in multi-faceted ways.
- Halloween Buy-outs – Endorse Council resolution to seek funding for flood buy-outs
- Minimum Wage – Urge the creation of a task force to create a plan to implement short and long term pay increases for minimum wage workers
- Implement a Hispanic/Latino data resource center
- Conduct annual Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life conference
- Establish feasibility study on forming Community Economic Development Corporation
- Ensure that departments’ budgets are allocating sufficient resources for Latinos

# Conclusion



- Latinos are fastest growing populations in the country and City of Austin
- Important to address challenges that this community faces
- Well-documented that Latinos face significant disparities in health, health care, education, and economic indicators
- In addition to the City's current efforts, adequate resources must be allocated to address gaps for Latinos
- Closing the gaps will make the City of Austin more competitive and stronger in the future